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"I ROAM the wide world over, and survey
Its wealth of varied landscape; waving woods
In all their summer verdure smile upon me.
I hear the rushing of the waterfall
O'er mighty rocks, and watch the silvery spray
Bathe moss and lichen, and o'erhanging trees,
That clothe the sides of grey and beetling cliffs,
Where castled ruins tell of times long past,
Change and decay, love, war, and perish'd power."

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P R E F A C E .



IN publishing in a collected form various hastily-written papers, illustrative of interesting excursions of the York Tourist Society, the author may be permitted to say he has done it in compliance with the desire so frequently expressed by several of its most influential members, in order to preserve a record of what would be otherwise ephemeral and forgotten. If the perusal of them should add to the pleasure, or vividly bring back to the memory the incidents or the scenes described, or be the means of inducing others who are not members of the Y. T. S. to embark in the same pilgrimages, and tread in the steps of those who have founded and sustained so unique and admirable an institution, he will be amply repaid by the reflection that he has contributed in some degree, not only to their intellectual gratification, but to their physical enjoyment; and that in the future, memory will oft recall the beautiful scenery and the

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romantic legends that surround and embellish the magnificent and historical remains of a great and glorious past.

The York Tourist Society originated from a few friends joining together in excursions to Castle Eden Dene or Dell, in Durham, and the princely Chatsworth, in Derbyshire. These visits took place in the year 1865, when Edwin Wade, Esq., J.P., was Lord Mayor of the City of York, and accompanied the party. In the following year another excursion took place to Boston Spa and Bramham Park, which in its results was so gratifying, that it was determined to form a society, in order that future excursions might be more easily organized; Mr. Wade, the ex-Lord Mayor, being elected President (an office he still worthily fills), and Mr. Henry Brearey, Hon. Secretary. In course of time, the Society gradually increased in numbers, and Mr. R. W. Anderson, who has taken the place of Mr. Brearey as Hon. Sec., has successfully carried out the greater part of its excursions. It was not until the Spring of 1873 that any Tourist Papers were written, since then, however, the author, Dr. Prætor, Mr. G. C. Baskett, Mr. J. L. Foster, and others, have occasionally illus-

trated the movements of the Society. Should the present venture prove successful, those gentlemen may perhaps be induced to allow their contributions to be edited and published in a succeeding volume.

The author has preceded the *Tourist Papers* by an introductory one on "Tours in Yorkshire," which was delivered at the York Institute in November, 1876, preliminary to readings on "Jervaulx and Middleham," and "The Strid and Bolton Priory." He has done so as it relates to tours in general, and points out the principal objects that time has spared, which add beauty and interest to the localities visited. He has also appended two articles of a kindred character, and another that perhaps has no business in the volume; the author's apology for its appearance must, therefore, be its relation to a question which has stirred, and is still exciting the attention of, the whole British Empire.

YORK, *June*, 1878.



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TOURIST RAMBLES.

TOURS IN YORKSHIRE.

*(An Address delivered at the York Institute, on
November 21st, 1876).**

IN fixing upon the title of the Reading as a description of "Tours in Yorkshire," it was suggested by your Secretary, Mr. Seller, in consideration of having contributed papers on some of the excursions of the York Tourist Society, which he and other friends were good enough to say were of an interesting character. In reading two of them to-night we may be permitted to remark they are merely slight sketches hurriedly penned at the time, and do not at all profess to be of an exhaustive character.

* A few preliminary personal remarks at the commencement of the address are omitted.

Yorkshire, which is the largest county in England, possesses within its borders almost every variety of scenery, some of the gentlest loveliness, and other of a grand and imposing character. From the Tees to the Humber stretches a vast but gently undulating plain, without a hill 100 feet in height to break the continuity of its course; but it has a noble setting in the north and east in the Cleveland, Hambleton, and Wold Ranges, and in the west by that immense ridge extending from Westmoreland to Derbyshire, which is the watershed and source of the principal rivers in Yorkshire.

As the county of York excels in its scenery, so also does it beyond compare contain more of the relics and monuments of a bygone age than any other that can be named. In the capital city itself, there are many treasures of industry and art, records of a time when Imperial Rome extended her conquering and civilizing influences over the remotest parts of the ancient world, and consequent on which Eboracum, the home and birthplace of some of the greatest of her Emperors, became the chief city of sea girt Albion. Its grand memorials of Norman, Plantagenet, and Tudor